

**CITY OF WICHITA
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP
TENTATIVE AGENDA
City Hall Board Room
January 25, 2005
9:30 a.m.**

**Budget Process
Minutes**

Estimated Time 45

City staff will review the budget cycle, calendar and basic principles for budget development. Additionally staff will discuss the citizen engagement process utilized in prior years. Staff is seeking direction from the Council on Council and citizen involvement in the process and the information required for budget decisions.

**Citizen Survey
Minutes**

Estimated Time 45

The City Council at its January 4, 2005 meeting adopted the Visioneering Document and authorized becoming a Visioneering partner. City staff has also developed a draft Strategic Plan that defines the most critical issues, problems and challenges facing the City. Many Strategic Plan issues support the Visioneering Plan and help to further define the strategic areas in the Visioneering Plan where the City can take a lead role. To further engage citizens in the process, staff is proposing to initiate a citizen survey. The survey will educate the public on City services and could be utilized to help prioritize the investment of City dollars into the community and work in conjunction with implementation of the Visioneering Plan and Strategic Agenda.

**Organizational Improvement
Minutes**

Estimated Time 30

The City Manager is initiating a project to accelerate the City into a high performance organization using continuous quality improvement processes. At its December 21, 2004 meeting the City Council approved hiring a consultant to provide expertise, technical assistance, coaching, facilitation, project management and training to move the organization to a high performance organization. Staff will provide an overview of the status of this project and the anticipated work to be performed.

Executive Session during Lunch

**First Floor Remodel
10 Minutes**

Estimated Time

Several years ago the City Council considered a remodel of the first floor to provide improved access for citizens to City government operations. Due to budget constraints relating to the downturn in economic conditions the project was placed on hold. The Architectural Firm of

Schaefer Johnson Cox and Frey will present a remodel concept for City Council review and consideration.

**Wireless Communication
hour**

Estimated Time 1

City of Wichita departments would greatly benefit from a wireless data communications network. Examples of the value of such a system would include scenarios such as inspectors being able to access engineering drawings, work crews receiving detailed work instructions in the field, Police officers entering incident information from the scene, as well as many others. As a result of these needs, a project to determine how best to mobilize the City of Wichita workforce via a wireless capability was undertaken. As the project proceeded a consortium consisting of Sedgwick County, Westar and USD259 was created as these entities had many of the same needs as the City of Wichita in regards to a wireless data communications network. An RFP was issued, and the next step is to commission a detailed engineering design and cost estimate study.

**Blighted Properties
45 Minutes**

Estimated Time

Staff is working on a plan to address blighted properties in selected neighborhoods. The proposal includes increased coordination of current City services as well as new initiatives. It includes strategies that are both reactive and proactive (preventative) to reduce or eliminate blighted properties that destroy neighborhoods. A team approach will be coordinated with other City departments and community service agencies as needed in a defined area. Neighborhood data has been collected to rank neighborhood areas according to greatest need. A critical part of the approach will involve building a partnership with residents to create community dialogue and citizen involvement. The presentation will represent the efforts of Housing and Community Services staff, Neighborhood Services and the City Attorney's office.

**Community Events Ordinance
Minutes**

Estimated Time 15

An ordinance is proposed for approving requests to use public property for special events. Currently, the city practice is approval through an interdepartmental committee that meets bi-weekly to review the approximately 80 applications. In addition, Park and Recreation approve use of park property and City Arts coordinates use of the Old Town Plaza. The ordinance addresses issues associated with various approval processes and challenges associated with the frequency, uniqueness, and time constraints of requests. The ordinance includes a process that addresses code compliance, safety, and consideration of residents with respect to property access, noise, and lighting for surrounding neighborhoods.

**Federal Agenda
Minutes**

Estimated Time 10

Each year the City of Wichita develops a Federal Agenda of issues and projects that are of importance to the City. Those issues are communicated to the Federal Delegation in March during the National League of Cities Conference. Elected officials and staff continue to follow-up on the City's issues throughout the year to provide additional information as necessary and to encourage adoption of City initiatives. Staff is seeking input from the Council on priority issues as well as the process for communicating those issues.

Due to the length of the Agenda, provisions have been made for lunch to be served.